

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for completing forms, comprising the steps of:
2 receiving location information for user information to be added to a form;
3 retrieving the user information;
4 configuring the user information for merging with the form; and
5 printing a form that contains at least a portion of the user information.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the location information is received by
2 reading a data card of the user.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the location information comprises a
2 universal resource locator (URL).
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of retrieving the user information
2 comprises retrieving the user information from a remote location via a network.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the network comprises the Internet.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of merging the user
2 information by populating form data fields.

1 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of confirming
2 authorization to access the user information.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the step of confirming authorization
2 comprises receiving a correct passcode.

1 9. A system for completing forms, comprising:
2 means for receiving location information for user information;
3 means for retrieving the user information;
4 means for configuring the user information for merging with a form; and
5 means for printing a form that contains at least a portion of the user information.

1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the means for receiving location
2 information comprises a card reader that is adapted to read data from a user data card.

1 11. The system of claim 9, wherein the means for retrieving the user
2 information comprises a network interface device.

1 12. The system of claim 11, wherein the network interface device is adapted to
2 transmit and receive data via the Internet.

1 13. The system of claim 9, wherein the means for printing a form comprises a
2 printer.

1 14. A printing device, comprising:
2 printing hardware with which hardcopy documents can be generated;
3 a card reader that is adapted to read data from a user data card;
4 a network interface device that is adapted to transmit and receive data via a
5 network; and
6 device memory that stores forms data.

1 15. The printing device of claim 14, wherein the card reader is adapted to read
2 information from a magnetic strip of the user data card.

1 16. The printing device of claim 14, wherein the network interface device is
2 adapted to retrieve user information via the network and merge it with the forms data
3 stored within device memory.

1 17. The printing device of claim 14, further comprising a network browser.

1 18. The printing device of claim 17, wherein the network browser is an
2 Internet browser.

1 19. The printing device of claim 14, wherein the printing device comprises a
2 printer.

1 20. The printing device of claim 14, wherein the printing device comprises a
2 multifunction peripheral (MFP) device.

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